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Stouffville's Beautification

MAY 9th - 23rd

The theme for this campaign is: "The outward appearance of a community reflects the spirit of its citizens." Let's be proud of our town. If each one of us does something to make our premises more attractive during this campaign we can give Stouffville a new look.

How much more attractive it is for visitors, tourists, and people coming to our town to do business, to see clean, fresh looking homes, attractive stores, streets well planted with trees. These factors along with friendly people all make a community a better place to live in, a better place to bring up children.

This campaign coincides with the beautification campaign all across Canada. You will hear much about it on your radio and read it in your papers. This is Stouffville's first real attempt, let's do a real job.

In this month's issue of Canadian Homes and Gardens is an article on what Aurora did last year in their campaign, we believe Stouffville can do it too.

Most of our local painters and carpenters know about this campaign and if you give the one you know a call he will be glad to accommodate you. Many stores will have suggestions in their windows.

The sponsors of this campaign are your Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the Horticultural Society. Each member of these organizations will be doing his or her part, and if you do yours, the effort is complete and big results will be achieved.

LET'S PAINT UP — CLEAN UP — PLANT UP — FIX UP.

LET'S BE PROUD OF STOUFFVILLE.

Stouffville Chamber of Commerce
Stouffville Horticultural Society
Cec. Hendricks, Publicity Chairman

Highway Dept. Cuts \$1,000 From Town Road Budget

Stouffville road budget for this year has been reduced by the Dept. of Highways from \$9,000 to \$8,000, it was revealed at Monday night's session of council. The trimming locally is in keeping with cutbacks being experienced in all other municipalities. The Department pays fifty percent of the cost of roads.

Three tenders were opened for the town's gravel supply and Elgin Wagg was the successful bidder with a price of \$1.10 a yard delivered for 1500 yards more or less. Arrangements have also been completed with Whitechurch Township to commence next Monday to scarify the town streets which are in desperate need of repair.

More Lights Wanted

President Ken Wagg accompanied by Harold Spofford of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before council asking for additional lights in town to brighten the east and west entrances to the village. It was also suggested that a light be placed opposite the curve in Somerville Ave. to the rear of the theatre. Lights were also asked for the laneway to the rear of the north side stores. Reeve Ogden told the delegation that if there was some definite assurance that the merchants were going to provide additional parking space in the rear of their stores, council might give consideration to erecting street lights there.

Councillor Daniels said that there was considerable traffic around by the creamery and a light was badly needed on this curve.

President Wagg also asked if the council could not request the hydro commission to give closer attention to the street lights, perhaps a weekly inspection to keep them going. He said lights are continually out and several times of late the east end has been completely blacked out for several hours at a time.

The Chamber of Commerce representatives also asked the council if they would provide for the emptying of refuse containers on Main St. if these were provided by the organization.

These matters were all left in the hands of the property committee, councillors Ratcliff and Daniels.

The resignation was received from Claire Bell member of the local library board. The Board recommended that Geo. Ford be appointed to fill out Mr. Bell's unexpired term and council concurred in the appointment.

Stouffville High School levy of 35.74% of the school costs was received amounting to \$5,266.50 which is down fractionally from last year.

ROBT. BONE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are buying a home freezer, it will pay you to contact Bob Bone, local representative for Howard J. Chambers, Ontario's largest freezer dealers. They have \$10,000 stock of freezers on the floor. Mr. Bone's phone number is 26w2.

FINAL WARNING

Stouffville Provincial Police Chief Hilliard has asked the press to inform residents that there will be no further warnings regarding dogs running at large in town. Henceforth any dogs caught running about will be impounded by the officers, held for twelve hours and if not claimed will be destroyed.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Canadian Legion were guests of the Ladies Auxiliary, Aurora, at their fifth annual birthday party held in the Legion Hall, Aurora. Mrs. Ralph Burkholder had the honor of cutting the birthday cake.

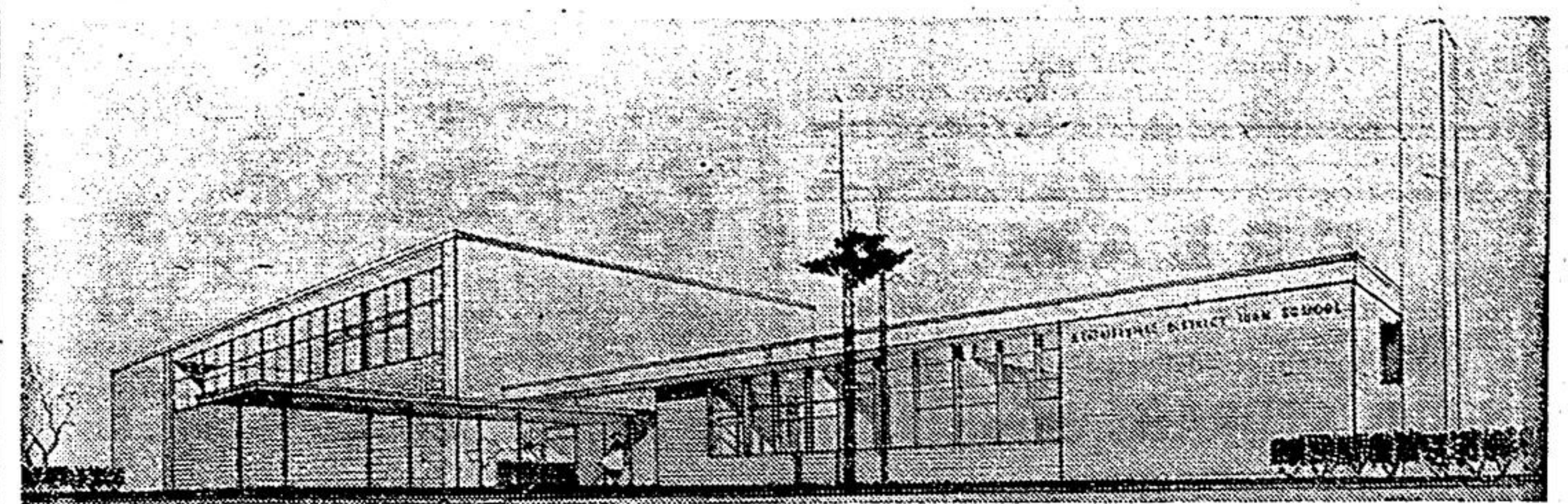
Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. June Button were in Orillia on Wednesday, April 29th, attending the Ontario and Rural School Trustees' Association Conference. Trustee boards from 100 sections were present. Dr. J. Long, chairman of the new Metropolitan School Board gave a review of the objects, aims and problems facing new boards.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Doris Merle, daughter of Mr. Walter Symes and the late Mrs. Symes, to Clifford Betz, son of Mrs. Betz and the late Mr. Joseph Betz of Stouffville, Ont. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 6th at 3 o'clock, in Claremont United Church.

The engagement is announced of Mary Arlene Grose and Gordon Gerard Lobraico. The marriage to take place quietly at St. Clements Anglican Church, Toronto, on May 23rd.

Wm. A. Rich Gets Contract for New High School at Price of \$400,000



W. A. Rich, contractor of Islington, is the successful bidder for the erection of the new Stouffville District High School. Nine firms delivered tenders for the job. The contract price is \$400,000, which is \$25,000 below the estimate of the architects. The price covers the complete job, including grading and the paving of the approach roadway in front of the building, also architects fees. Mr. Rich is the same contractor who is presently engaged in the construction of the Markham High School and it is expected that the work on the two structures will be closely associated.

The final approval for the school and the approval of the contract price has been given by the Department of Municipal Affairs. It is expected that bids will be received this week by Whitechurch Township Council for the sale of the bonds. Work on the project will be underway by June and the contractor expects the school will be completed by the end of the year.

Residents of the Stouffville district may soon boast with pride about their new education centre. The new low-cost high school has been designed by Shore & Moffat, architects, who are well acquainted with the requirements of secondary schools, and familiar with the problems of school construction. Eventual development and future expansion have been economically provided for.

The new high school will be located on Edward Street just north of the town line. The school is all on ground level and will have a red brick exterior.

The plan is divided into three major units, the gymnasium and change room area, the classroom block and the administration wing.

The classroom wing, contains seven classrooms, a shop, a home economics and an agricultural - science room. This unit presently designed to accommodate 250 students may be easily expanded to serve a student population of 400.

The gymnasium - auditorium is complete with stage, stage curtains, etc., and once again the architects have provided for future enlargement, which will double the gymnasium capacity. As well as serving as a core for extra curricular activities, the gymnasium auditorium can also function as an independent community centre.

The building is heated by oil-fired boilers and double-glazed for greater economy and comfort. A public address system with speakers in all main rooms serves the school throughout and also the playing field. A master clock system is provided, along with programme bells which sound automatically at pre-set times.

The cafeteria also doubles as a classroom, and is conveniently placed at the end of the classroom block near the Administration area. The kitchen serving the cafeteria is equipped to provide a school menu of pleasing variety in a minimum of time.

Ban on Fifty Ft. Lots in Markham Raises Council Storm

Mr. Stevens of Doncaster appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday afternoon asking permission to sell a lot which he owns adjoining his own property. According to bylaw the lot which Mr. Stevens proposed selling would be a fifty ft. lot and since he is present owner of both parcels of land, could not be built upon. The Building Inspector Ross Norton also pointed out that Mr. Stevens had a total of 13,000 ft. in the two properties and would not be allowed, according to the township bylaw to reduce such land to less than 12,000 sq. ft. which would not allow sufficient to be sold for another building lot.

Councillor Hooper set up strenuous argument supporting Mr. Stevens and to amend the bylaw. He claimed there were dozens of similar instances in the township; where people had deeds to the properties previous to the bylaw's passage in 1950 and could not sell according to township law.

"It doesn't seem right that I can't sell and the man across the street with a single lot the same size can build on his," declared Mr. Stevens.

"I know what I'd do," declared councillor Hooper. "I'd go ahead and sell it, and nobody could stop me."

"I don't think you could be stopped either," said deputy-reeve LeMasurier. "but the new owner of the small lot couldn't get a permit to build."

"I'm against giving any such permission unless it's done legally and an amendment to the bylaw put through," said reeve Timbers.

Councillor Lennie called for a conference between the council and Planning Board. "I'll agree to meet the Planning Board," said reeve Timbers.

A resolution was proposed by deputy-reeve LeMasurier and councillor Hooper to amend the bylaw so that 50 ft. lots to which deeds were held prior to the passing of the bylaw, could be built on. The motion failed, only the mover and seconder voting in favour. (continued on page 6)

Important Coronation Meeting

An important meeting has been called by Reeve Ogden of Stouffville for this Friday evening, May 8th, at 8 p.m. in the municipal hall, to discuss plans for some type of celebration for Coronation Day, June 2nd.

Representatives of all organizations in town are urgently requested to attend and all others who are interested in assisting with this event.

Remember the Salvation Army Appeal here next week.

Pickering Road Budget Reduced

It was learned this week that the Pickering Township road budget set at \$130,000 had been cut to \$112,000 by the Dept. of Highways. But council decided to proceed with their former plans to pave a number of roads in the township each year. They plan to hard top a 1/4 mile section of the Altona Road and also a similar stretch on the Erskine Cemetery Road. Tenders are to be received for the job. Road Supt. Roy Ward stated that the cost would amount to approximately \$11,000 a mile.

Markham Tp. Council Trim General Tax Rate by Approximately a Half Mill

In a special meeting of council on Wednesday afternoon which saw a close recorded vote on the issue of lowering Markham Township tax rate, council passed the annual taxing bylaw reducing the general rate from 6.6 mills to 6 mills. After considerable heated arguing on the amount of the 1952 surplus, councillors Chas. Hooper and Art. Lennie brought in a resolution to reduce the general rate by two mills. On a recorded vote the motion was lost, councillor Clark, deputy-reeve LeMasurier and reeve Timbers voting against the motion.

Crux of the decision rested on the amount of last year's surplus, councillors Hooper and Lennie maintaining that the amount was \$24,000 and deputy-reeve LeMasurier stating that actually the surplus only amounted to approximately \$5,500. According to the auditor's statement which is being published by council for the benefit of the ratepayers, there was a surplus of \$24,000, disposed of as follows: \$15,000 to pay off the first debenture on the new municipal garage, \$2,000 as a reserve for taxes and \$1,000 to cover accounts receivable. Deputy-reeve LeMasurier maintained that had the \$15,000 not been placed aside for the paying off of the debenture, the 1953 budget would have to be larger to cover this payment making the situation "as broad as it was long."

Road Budget Trimmed
A statement from the Department of Highways revealed that the township's 1953 road budget set by council at \$142,000, had been trimmed by the department for subsidy purposes to \$117,000. "In view of this reduction in the roads, would you favor taking a half mill off the roads and putting it on the general rate?" asked reeve Timbers.

"I'm not favorable to reducing the road amount," replied councillor Hooper.

"Quote the auditor's statement and it says that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$5,561.40," declared deputy-reeve LeMasurier.

"I am quoting the auditor," returned Councillor Lennie, "and it says that after paying off a debenture of \$15,000 and creating funds of several thousand dollars, there remains a surplus of \$5,561.40."

Councillor Clark pointed out that the statement revealed \$60,000 unpaid taxes at the end of the fiscal year.

When questioned by councillor Lennie, reeve Timbers concurred that the auditor had made a verbal statement to council that there was a \$24,000 surplus.

"I suggest you publish the statement," said deputy-reeve LeMasurier. This suggestion

was later dealt with and agreed upon.

There was some confusion over the statement before council on Wednesday, councillor Hooper claiming it was not the same statement that the auditor had presented a few days previous.

"This \$15,489.83 is shown under 1952 expenditures and should be under 1953 expenses," contended councillor Lennie.

Councillor Hooper contended that the report had not been accepted but a resolution was produced in the minutes confirming the acceptance of the report.

Councillor Clark stated that a two mill reduction would not allow for much of a surplus since it was possible the

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Mrs. Ed. Lloyd, Highway 47 just north of town, was bereaved this week in the loss of her sister Matilda Bishop, Toronto. Matilda Hoover was the widow of the late T.H. Bishop and passed away on Friday, May 1st. The funeral was conducted on Monday afternoon to St. John's cemetery Norway.

Ward System For Pickering?
A decision on whether the Township of Pickering should be divided into wards will come up for thorough study at the regular meeting next month. Reeve Todd and councillor Michel spoke in favor of the scheme while deputy-reeve Balsdon and councillor Newman were inclined to let the present situation stand.

"I like the township the way it is," stated councillor Newman.

"So do I," agreed Dep. Reeve Balsdon.

Councillor Lawson felt that the ward system would be an advantage in the respect that the taxpayers would gain representation by population. Clerk Lloyd Johnston stated that it was customary to have a seven man council with a three ward system. Each ward would have two representatives with a reeve over all. The Dep. Reeve would maintain office by appointment or on a rotating basis.

John Musselman Passes in 80th Year

On Wednesday, April 29th, Mr. John Musselman passed away at his Buttonville home in his 80th year. The deceased resided for the greater part of his life in Uxbridge where he was a fur buyer for an American firm and for a time operated a gift shop.

Surviving is his wife, the former Clara Randall of Ottawa, three sons, Randall of Buttonville, Lloyd of Toronto and Harvey of Uxbridge and two daughters, Frances of Uxbridge and Eola (Mrs. Murray) of Oshawa. There is also one sister, Mrs. Robert Taylor of Uxbridge.

Funeral service was held on Friday afternoon from the McGuire and Low Funeral Home at Uxbridge.

Former Almira Storekeeper Dead

On Monday, May 4th, Mr. Herbert H. Spofford passed away suddenly at his Almira home in his 73rd year. Mr. Spofford operated the store at Almira for over fifteen years but has been living retired for the past twenty-five years. He was identified with the Melville Church.

Born at Almira at the home of his parents, Sarah Nigh and Arthur Spofford, the deceased was very active in sports a few years ago. Both he and his brother Perce were members of the famous Green River Shamrocks, the football team which captured the Ontario Championship in 1910. The late Mr. Spofford was also an ardent bowler with a membership in the Almira Club.

Besides his wife, the former Edith Padden, he is survived by one daughter Edith (Mrs. Lyle Hess) of Almira, a brother, Perce of Toronto and one sister Mrs. Fred Kirk also of Toronto. There are two grandchildren Connie and Gary.

Funeral service was held at the parlors of L.E. O'Neill, Stouffville on Wednesday at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Geo. E. Robins of Melville United Church with interment in Melville cemetery. The pall bearers were Mr. Albert Allen, Mr. Pat Reid, Mr. P. Steckley, Mr. Fred Hisey, Mr. Ross McKay and Mr. Allan Wideman.

Assessment Lowered On Appeal
The assessment of the Murray Associates, cement block firm near Yonge St. in Markham Township was reduced this week by \$9,000 when the case of appeal was heard before a county appeal judge. Total original assessment was slightly over \$90,000.

Popular Award

Polly Minton, smooth-skating centreman with Stouffville's Sr. B. Clippers, polled the greatest number of fan votes to win the Maple Leaf Dairy Popularity Trophy. Polly is no stranger here having played both Junior and Intermediate hockey before moving into Senior company. Right winger George Stark was runner-up for the award.



BIRTHS
JOHNSTON—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnston, Claremont R.R.3 are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Lorraine, Saturday, May 2, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

TINDALL—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tindall, Claremont R.R. 3 are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Saturday, May 2, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

LAWRENSON—Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrenson, Ringwood, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Susan Joan, Wednesday, May 6, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

ATHA MAN FOUND DEAD IN CAR
Walter Draper, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Draper, Atha, was found dead Sunday in his parked car. Police believe that he died from carbon monoxide escaping from the muffler.